

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated December 23, 2004 in which the Examiner requires the application be restricted to a single invention as defined in the claims in one of the Groups I, II, III and IV.

Applicant elects the invention of Group III, and has therefore withdrawn all claims not associated with this Group, without prejudice.

Applicant notes however its disagreement with some of the grouping of the Examiner. In particular, applicant believes claim 32 should have been grouped into Group IV, and so this claim has been withdrawn and not cancelled.

In regard to the above, applicant notes it has not elected to presently proceed with all of the claims of Group III as originally presented, and has therefore cancelled some and amended others. Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 18, 19 and 31 from the Group III claims, and has amended claims 30, 33 and 34; the amendments to claims 33 and 34 not considered to be substantive as the amendments simply changed “invention” to “device” in the preamble to better reflect the language of independent claim 30, while claim 30 now incorporates the “slidably” limitation of claim 31.

Applicant has also added new claims 46-49, which additions do not add any new matter.

The claims presently pending in the application are therefore, claims 30, 33, 34, 36 and 46-49.

A request for a one-month extension is also enclosed, with a check of \$60 for covering the extension fee for a small entity. Applicant does not believe any additional

fees are required for the addition of claims 46-49, as there are now pending in the application 3 independent claims (30, 36 and 46) and 8 total claims. In the event there are any additional fees due and owing in connection with this matter, or any overpayments, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

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Respectfully submitted,

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